

In the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An apparatus for an indoor-outdoor decorative trash receptacle system that allows a user to decorate or personalize a trash receptacle 12 or the like with permanent or interchangeable graphic images 14 or insignia. The system ~~provides means to decorate~~ decorates a receptacle 12 in various forms including applying a graphic image directly onto the receptacle, applying a covering to the receptacle, and inserting a placard into a sleeve affixed to the receptacle. The graphic image 14 can be applied directly to the external wall 20 of the trash receptacle 12 using free form, stencil tracing, stamping or other painting techniques. This technique can also be produced onto an adhesive 24 backed vinyl placard or like material and then adhered to the exterior of the trash receptacle 12. Another system of the present invention utilizes a clear protective sleeve 26 that is affixed to the exterior of the receptacle 12. A placard 28 with a graphic image 14 is inserted into the clear sleeve 26 providing an artistic impression on the receptacle 12. The placard 28 is easily removed from the sleeve 26 and replaced with other placards to allow various designs to be displayed.